(d) 'Akash' is a mobile, medium range, surface to air missile, it will have capability for multi-target engagement as well as anti-ballistic defence.

Widening of N.H. No. 2

1681. SHRI S.N. VEKARIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to widen and develop Ballabhgarh and Mathura section of the National Highway No. 2 to double lane road;

(b) if so, the funds proposed to be allocated for the purpose; and

(c) the time by which the construction work would be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Widening of Ballabhgarh - Mathura Section of NH 2 to four-lanes is already in progress at a sanctioned cost of Rs. 132.91 crores.

Proposal to Freeze Increments to Central Govt. employees

1682. DR. P.R. GANGAWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to freeze the increments to Central Government employees in view of the grave economic crisisl;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the resentment in employees by such a freeze; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) No such proposal is currently under consideration of the Government.

(b) to (d). Question does not arise.

[*English*]

Fares of Buses Plying under S.T.A. Permits

1683. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether fares of buses plying under S.T.A. permits in Delhi on D.T.C. routes have been revised recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action taken by the Government against the owners of these buses for charging arbitrary fares?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The fares of Private State Carriages Buses have been revised in January, 1992 by State Transport Authority, Delhi to be at par with DTC's revised fares, as under:-

Distance	*Fare*
0 - 6 Kms.	Re. 1/-
6 - 16 Kms.	Rs. 2/-
Above 16 Kms.	Rs. 3/-

(c) Does not arise, in view of the answer to (a) and (b) above.